GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to enter into an agreement with the Swiss Confederation on Cooperation and Collaboration in the matter of disaster management system;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement;

(c) the extent to which the Swiss Confederation is expected to help in improving the skills of Indian rescue teams to effectively deal in the disaster management;

(d) whether the confederation will be having a permanent set up in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a)&(b): The Government of India have decided to enter into a bilateral agreement with the Swiss Confederation for cooperation and assistance in enhancement of early warning systems, enhancement of capacity building, preparedness and training of Rescue Teams, Human Resource Development and deployment of Search and Rescue Teams in the event of disasters.

(c): The Search and Rescue Teams of Switzerland are among the best teams in the field of search and rescue and the cooperation will help in enhancing the capabilities of our Search and Rescue Teams.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.